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*Best Wishes for the Holiday Season
and a Very Happy New Year*

from the

PRESIDENT'S DESK

The first issue of TEC News to be published during my term as president is now history and I must say that I am real proud of it. It took quite a bit of effort on the part of several members but of course the greatest effort was that of Sally and Al Kirka. They really came thru for us when time was short and the entire membership owes them a round of applause. I also want to express my sincere appreciation to those that submitted articles to be published in that first issue. They are all so necessary to a successful publication. Lets not slack off now though. Keep those articles coming so we can all enjoy them.

I feel that an exchange of want-lists will create a lot of interest and activity in our club, and I want to encourage it as much as possible. I will be most happy to send my want-list to any one requesting it, and will also welcome want-lists from all members. I am sure I have duplicates that many members need and most likely there are members that have duplicates which I need. I have added many nice coins to my collection due to my want-list and otherwise no one would ever have known what I needed.

I would also like to very strongly urge the use of "The Suggestion Box" in TEC News. There are bound to be a lot of good ideas among our members and this is the place to unload them, so we can all benefit from them. In the last issue it was suggested TEC award a trophy for the best elongated display at the ANA Conventions. The idea was put before the board and passed, so at the next convention such a trophy will be presented. Of course all suggestions made will not be used because some will be impractical, but all suggestions made will be considered. Any idea you may have that you think would make TEC a better and more enjoyable club will be most welcome.

I would like to see more correspondence between the members. In this issue of TEC News a column will be resumed naming "New Members." It would be a nice and friendly gesture to write them a note of welcome to TEC and offer to help them concerning their collection, if they will but ask for it. I recently became a member of the AVA, (Transportation Tokens) and I was amazed at the many letters of welcome I received. They made me wonder why I had'nt joined them a long time ago. Let us let our new members know, we are truly proud to have them join us also.

As it is now coming, the Holiday Season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the good members that have helped me and the TEC officers in the past, and to invite your assistance in the coming year. Also to wish you and yours a most joyous holiday season and may you have a prosperous and happy elongated 1972. So until the next time-

Sincerely

Lloyd E. Wagaman, President

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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DREAMS DO COME TRUE



I have been collecting elongated coins for a few years now. To me collecting elongates is really a lot of fun and I really enjoy myself. I exhibit my coins as much as I can. Many times as I show slides of elongated coins, I have often thought, how nice it would be to

have my name on an elongated coin. I bet a lot of you thought of the same thing.

Last month our President, Lloyd Wagaman said he was sending us something for Christmas. I never gave it another thought. When the package arrived, I hurried to open it. To my surprise, when I opened the package, there was my dream come true. There was my elongated coin that Lloyd Wagaman made for us. It said, "Merry Christmas from Sally & Al Kirka 1971 TEC News Editors." Al and I were both happy and pleased on receiving such a nice gift. All I could say was "Woweeeee." Just think a few years from now, maybe some one will be looking for our coin for their collection. So we are going to share our coin with our TEC friends. I hope all of you who have received one will keep it, as none will be sold. Also this is our way of saying, "Merry Christmas from Al and Sally Kirka, 1971 TEC News Editors."

To you Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman, our sincere thanks to you both for making my dream come true. 'God Bless You Both.'

SPEAKER OF ELONGATES

On September 21, 1971 a talk was given before the Osage Coin Club at Osage, Oklahoma by Novella Watson, T.E.C. #212. Her talk was entitled, "When and why I became an elongated coin collector. She also read a letter to the group, which she had received from Senator Henry Bellmon concerning a bill which was before the house about outlawing elongated coins. Her talk was well received and all present showed a great deal of interest and expressed their appreciation to her. These talks by T.E.C. members are also greatly appreciated by the officers and members of T.E.C., as it helps a great deal to spread the interest of our hobby.

THE KING OF ELONGATED COINS

by Maurice M. Gould, NLG, TEC #15



Quite a number of years ago, I wrote a short article for the Numismatic Scrapbook about the "King of Elongated Coins," a piece I had discovered- an 1883 Hawaiian half dollar that had been elongated at the World's Fair in 1893. I considered this the nicest and scarcest elongated I had ever owned, so I named it "The King."

After the article appeared, I had several inquiries about it and several months later when I attended a convention in Springfield, Massachusetts, an officer in the Marine Corps, "Brownie" Gill, approached me about purchasing this coin. I could see he was an avid collector and deadly serious about acquiring this item. I was not interested in selling it at the time, but did tell him I would give him first consideration should I change my mind.

During the next few years, in Washington, Boston and other cities, I would meet "Brownie" and we would always enjoy talking about elongateds. I told him I would sell it to him. He offered to pay me for it, but I told him to wait until I sent it and he could then send me a check. I searched everywhere for it, but I could not locate it and when I wrote to him he was quite upset about it. However, I advised him that as soon as I found it he would become the owner of the piece.

We corresponded from time to time and then he was stationed in Okinawa. He sent me a beautiful gift- and I searched again, but still could not come up with the coin. The years were passing and "Brownie" had become more nervous about the prized possession. There was only one thing to do--

I wrote to him stating that if anything happened to me the piece was to be delivered to him and the letter was set up in the form of a legal document. This soothed "Brownie" for a while and then he began to wonder if I really had it. He had now become a Major in the Marines and was located in Albany, New York.

The years rolled on and the Goulds decided to move on to sunny California. I went to the bank vault to check over some material that I wanted to take along with me and I could't believe it myself, but there it was, "The King of Elongateds." I did not know whether to call, wire or write "Brownie" because the shock might be too much for him, but I did send it out to him immediately by registered mail. He was excited and happy and called me immediately. His letter of thanks is priceless and belongs in the archives of numismatics.

There is one important moral to this story-- keep your coins in better condition than I did. Have them labeled and catalogued properly, with an inventory, to avoid the years of uncertainty poor "Brownie" had to go through.

Believe it or not, I am going through the same 7-year vigil with a Unique counterstamped coin of Puerto Rico. I have had telephone calls on Christmas, on the collectors birthday, as well as innumerable letters asking me if I have found the coin he is waiting for and when I saw him recently at the ANA convention, we reminisced about the years of suspense on this counterstamped piece. He still has not given up hope, but I know he is concerned. As for me, I know the piece will make its appearance, just as did the elongated, and we will then have another happy collector.

To the patient and understanding "Brownie" Gill, I award the medal of "Stamina, Devotion and Courage" under bleak and adverse conditions.

THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE AND T.E.C.

by O. Wilson Morgan TEC #183

It all started when I was down to my last three definitions in the puzzle. They were;

- #1 Artful and skillful
- #2 Ardent pursuit
- #3 Traditional lore, in French

I had written them out on a pad and was surprised to see a definite definition of an elongated collector come to view. "One who is artful and skillful, and in ardent pursuit of traditional lore." In my mind, I could see all the T.E.C.'ers in a flea market. I laughed and showed it to my wife, Kate. She shook her head, but I'm not sure it was in agreement, or in sympathy. I decided to ignore her and turned to my friend, "Mr. Dictionary." After some time had passed in research, I found the three words I needed.

- #1 Artful and skillful meant, Tactical with a big "T"
- #2 Ardent pursuit meant, Eager with a big "E"
- #3 And traditional lore in French was Cabal with a big "C"

To me that says T.E.C., so just go ahead and laugh Mrs. Morgan.

ELONGATED SEASON

by Sally Kirka TEC #C-16

Well September started the coin shows for the fall season. As I am a member of the Southern New England Coin Dealers Association, we had our first show September 9th. I work the hardest at their shows. I really should'nt complain as there's always one or more of the dealers, who calls me over and tells me he has an old elongate for me. At this show I got a real good one. I got the "Columbian 1893 Exposition" on a 1891 seated dime. You can see that it is very crudely made and not a restrike. He also sold me a medal that goes with the Columbian Exposition, also 2 gate tickets. Maybe one of these days I'll exhibit every thing I have on the 1893 Exposition. This dealer never charges me a very high price on any of the elongated coins. Sometimes I get some very nice ones from him, some of which are very hard to find. I told him once, that some of the elongateds he sold me are worth a lot more than what he charges me. He turned to me and said, "Sally, I don't know of any one who will enjoy and cherish the elongated coins as much as you will. I only charge you, what I paid for the elongated coins.

Thank you, Joe Hazard of Great Barrington, Massachusetts. I deeply appreciate all the elongated coins you sold me and all the elongates you gave me for nothing.

Another dealer sold me an old Lords Prayer on a 1909 penny. Although I have 20 varieties of the Lords Prayer, I didn't have this one, I only paid this dealer 50¢ for it. So you see my friends, there still are dealers with a heart.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

We wish to thank those who sent us articles for this issue of the TEC Newsletter. Keep your articles and stories coming in. With the nice letters we received telling us about our TEC News, we could not have done it without your help. The deadline for the next issue is February 14th. So please get your articles in by that time.

Your Editors - Sally and Al Kirka

THE LORDS PRAYER ON AN ELONGATE

A TRUE STORY

Is it possible for a person's life to change completely by one roll-out coin? Is it possible that a person can go from poverty to a complete feeling of security in acquiring one elongated souvenir? I met such a person, but let me tell you the story from the beginning.

Mr. Emmet introduced me to his mother-in-law. "Grandma, this is Mr. Singer. I'll get the figures worked out for his contracting job. You entertain him. "Grandma came from Tennessee. She told me about her canning abilities. Then she asked me if I liked antiques. "My daughter is an antique collector," I explained to her. "I collect roll out coin souvenirs and have a whole collection mounted on a cane." When I mentioned the cane, her eyes lit up. She became excited. Would I like to see some World's Fair canes? She immediately brought out three wooden canes crudely hand carved, the words CHICAGO WORLDS FAIR 1933 cut on them. "Interested? I'll sell you all three for \$25.00." I carefully examined the unusual canes and told her I was not interested. This was not my cup of tea.

"Now if you have any roll-out coins, I'd be very interested in buying them," I told her. "Yes, I have one she said.

The dream of every collector must be to find the elusive elongate to add to his collection. Possibly to find one that is unlisted, a real gem. Immediately I had misty visions of a "find." Perhaps this would be the special one I owe Dottie Dow. Maybe an unlisted elongate? My thoughts, like a balloon inflated, got bigger and bigger.

"I came to Chicago by Greyhound bus in 1934. In the bus depot there was this machine. I had a bit of time to spend so I put in my penny and a dime, and turned a knob. The penny rolled out flat. On it was the Lords Prayer."

"Where is this roll-out, I asked?" It's in the bottom of my trunk up in the attic. This has brought me such good luck ever since. My life changed since then."

My big balloon immediately deflated - flat as a pan-cake when she said with definite sincerity, "No, I'd never part with it. I'd never sell it - you see it's my good luck charm."

by David J. Singer TEC #423

NOTICE

Questions have been asked concerning checks, that are sent in for payment of dues and badges, and the length of time they are held before being deposited. The last day of each month I send all checks received during the month to the Treasurer and they are deposited upon receipt. I know every person likes to get their cancelled checks returned as soon as possible. It is also practical to have a schedule for taking care of these matters, therefore we think that depositing once a month should work out satisfactorily to all members.

Alberta Wagaman, Secretary

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Your Vice-President, Steve Penzes and his wife Alice Penzes, a Board of Governors member, would like to wish all their friends and members a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Would you like to have a specimen of the coin pictured here to add to your collection? There is only one way to get one. You will have to earn it. It is not for sale at any price. To qualify for the coin, you must submit an article of 150 words or more, for publication, to the editor of TEC News.

This coin will be rolled on 1972 cents and all will be serial numbered. One coin will be given for each 150 word article, so if you have an article in each of the 4 issues of TEC News for 1972 you will receive 4 coins.

The coin is rolled from a hand engraved die by Lloyd E. Wagaman and is offered by him at no cost to TEC as an enticement to obtain articles for TEC News.

If you do not write an article, the only other way to obtain one of these coins would be to trade for or purchase it from one of the writers that gets more than one.

This should prove to be a pretty rare piece as it is doubtful that more than 25 or 30 pieces will be rolled and the die will definitely be destroyed, after the final issue of TEC News for 1972 is published.

Do not confuse this coin with the annual "Award Coin" which is administered and presented by the Awards Committee. This coin is in addition to any other awards you may receive.

ANNOUNCING

The following Proposals have been approved by the Board of Governors and will now become standard procedure until further Board Action causes a change.

The 1970 Award Coin die should be destroyed after rolling coins for those who apply by Nov. 1, 1971 and are found to be eligible.

A membership list should be published and mailed along with the April 1st issue of T E C News. Address to be omitted of those so desiring.

A T E C News advertising price schedule should be put into effect. Prices should be \$2.50 per ¼ page, \$4.00 per ½ page, and \$7.50 per full page.

A maximum of \$10.00 per pre-printed sheet to be inserted in T E C News, with exact price to be left up to the Editor.

All future issues of T E C News be sent 3rd class mail.

Discussion on "Life Membership" should be tabled for discussion when board meets in person in New Orleans in 1972.

A trophy should be awarded for the best elongated display to be exhibited at the A N A each year by a T E C member. Cost of trophy not to exceed \$15.00. Purchase and awarding to be handled by awards committee.

Authority should be granted to the President to authorize refund on future complaints of a trivial nature when he deems such to be in order.

IN REGARD TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST MENTIONED ABOVE, IF YOU DO NOT
WANT YOUR ADDRESS TO BE INCLUDED , BE SURE TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARY.
OTHERWISE IT WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE LIST.

MODERN RARITIES ----- DO THEY EXIST AND WHY?

Does the modern elongated coin manufacturer roll coins that are a rarity before they ever leave his shop? The answer to this question is that most of them do. I find that on a quickly compiled list I have come up with nine rollers that have rolled rarities in a quantity of 25 or less pieces and a good number of these have rolled rarities with a mintage of 10 pieces and even less.

Most of these rarities are rolled in the form of die trial or pattern pieces. The more a roller has to do personally with the making of his dies the more apt he is to roll such pieces. Some rollers call them progressional pieces and may roll as many as 5 or 6 different varieties before finally calling his die a finished piece. In the case of these progressional pieces, the die maker will lay out the main center piece of the coin and put the die in and roll a few specimens to be sure everything is going to work out as planned. He will then remove the die and engrave it a little further and then repeat the rolling process. The number of different pieces rolled of course, depends on how many times this process is repeated.

Some of these rarities are made because of an error. A roller will roll a few pieces before he discovers he has made an error on the coin. This could be a spelling error or a wrong date. In one case I know of the name of the wrong town. At any rate when the die is corrected all the previously rolled coins, from such dies are known as errors and the rarity would depend on how many were rolled before the error was discovered.

I know of one well known Midwest Roller that told me of rolling only 7 pieces from a new die when the die cracked beyond use. This of course created an extremely rare elongated immediately. I know of a few pieces which were rolled in extremely small quantities such as only 2 or 3 pieces. They did not meet with the makers approval so the die was not engraved further and was scrapped. These of course would be extremely rare pieces.

In most cases I have found the average collector is not opposed to these rarities, if he gets one. If he does not get one he thinks its unfair that they were even made. It is just human nature to be a little resentful if you get left out but with so many collectors and only a few of a certain variety some one is bound to be left out.

Another way a collector can look at these rarities are that they are not a regular issue and he can have a complete collection of all regular issues and can say that his collection is complete as far as regular issues are concerned, but that he doesn't collect patterns and trial pieces. Very few coin collectors collect trial and patterns because of their rarity but they do know they exist.

As to the reason a roller would want to roll these scarce pieces and then let collectors have them rather than destroy them, there are several reasons. The first reason I will mention is money. I know of at least 2 rollers that have charged \$10.00 each and more for these rarities. I also know of at least two more rollers, that made their rarities mostly in retaliation to those that charged the high prices. They felt that they could not afford to pay the \$10.00 or up for the coins to put in their collection, so therefore they made some of their own which could be traded to other rollers for rarities. I think there is also a certain amount of satisfaction to a roller to know that at least some of his productions are in demand.

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MODERN RARITIES ---- DO THEY EXIST AND WHY (cont.)

In closing this article I would like to answer one question. Have I rolled any of these modern rarities? The answer to that is yes. I have rolled several and I hope to publish a list of them in the not too distant future. I would also like to say that practically all my rarities are no longer available. They have all been given away except for a very few that were traded to another roller. None have been sold.

by Lloyd E. Wagaman TEC #33

HAPPY NEW MEMBER

by Chester Grabowski TEC #512

I have been collecting elongated coins now for over 25 years. I guess I started like every one else with a 'Lords Prayer.' It was something so different that I bought a few other elongated coins. The price was much cheaper in those days. In those days they didn't even call them elongated coins, just rolled out pennies.

As few people were collecting elongated coins around here I got myself a lot of old ones. Like every one else, I put them away and forgot about them.

In the last few years at every coin show I'd go to, I'd see Sally Kirkas elongated exhibits. After seeing her get the, "Best of Show," at so many shows, I got interested in elongated coins again. Even dealers started taking their elongates out of their junk box. Now most keep them in their books with their coins. I'm sure Sally Kirka is pleased about this.

Now that I'm a member of TEC. I will go all out to build up my elongated collection. I think one of these days I'll make up an exhibit of my elongates and see how I can do. You can't always win but it will be fun in trying.

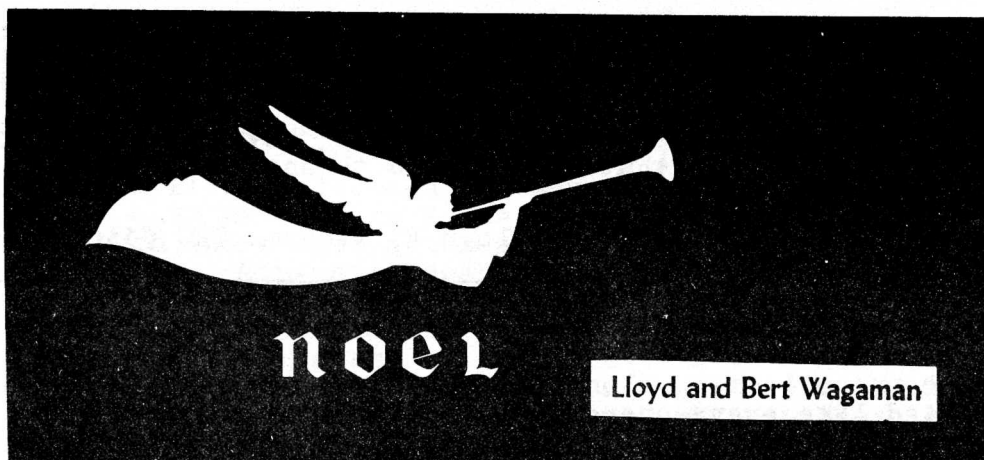
Just the other day I bought 3 more old elongated coins. I'm one of those dealers who thinks a lot of Sally Kirka too and I sold them to her. If there is any one who has gotten a lot of people interested in elongates, its Sally. She has done a lot, to promote elongated coins around Connecticut.

ANNOUNCING

The President has made the appointment of "Club Historian" to Donald E. Sabo of 307 E. Clarendon St., Prospect Heights, Ill. 60070. Don is going to write us a complete and detailed history of T.E.C. It will start from the organizational meeting in Chicago in August 1966 and bring it right up to the present time.

Don is a very capable writer and we are extremely fortunate to have him accept this position and responsibility. He is best known perhaps for his writings on the Crystal Palace Exposition of 1851, London, England, which first appeared, in the Numismatist in January 1968. He was awarded the Heath Literary Award by the A.N.A.

It would be most appreciated if any member having any information or photos of any of the early convention activities or meetings, would contact Don at the above address. Photos sent will be copied and returned if requested.



REROLL -- "RESTRIKES"

by G. Mecarrello TEC #40

"Restrikes"- What are Restrikes? In plain language, not to go to Webster, its any medal or token stamped from the original dies, that the medal or token was originally made, with out any change what so ever. The original is called a strike, any made after the time period of the originals, are Restrikes. So, as far as I'm concerned there are, No Restrikes, when we are talking about Elongates. Now- I know you are all mumbling about this at this time. So let me go on.

What we all should be talking about is a Reroll of Elongates. Now how do we define a Reroll? Any coin or material elongated from a die, that was, or has been made to dedicate a certain object, affair, or a significant event. This is the most important thing of all, if said die has a date on it. Only then should it be called and sold, as a Rerolled Elongate.

Now remember this, before you start writing rebuttals,- I know of quite a few of the dies that were made in the 1920's and 1930's. They are still owned by the original people, that had the dies made in the first place. They are still rolling them out every summer, at some fairs and other amusement areas. So now, what do we call these elongates? To me, they are still made from the original dies, by the same rollers. Think about this please.

As I said before, if its dated and then some one else buys the dies and rerolls them, it should be marked in some way as a Reroll. As it was mentioned in other articles, its quite hard to tell a reroll, from the original. Unless you have had a lot of experience with elongates.

Now lets get the record straight. I in no way, do I approve of any elongates made this way, to be sold as the original. I handle quite a number of elongates a week, for my Elongated Coin Museum. I see all types of different elongates come as originals. As was said before, you see N.Y.W.F. (1) elongate on 1934 steel cents, 1960 etc. cents, and other coins. This is true, not only of this fair, but about every event that had an elongate made for it.

I believe if you buy an elongate, you should know if its a reroll or not. Many times you can not blame the dealer, as in most cases, he does'nt know that much about elongates.

TEC AWARD OF MERIT

Pictured here is one of the 1970 Award of Merit elongated quarters that were presented to 32 recipients at the TEC annual meeting during the ANA Convention at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. in August 1971. This particular Award Coin was presented to COIN WORLD for their publicity about elongated coins.

TEC members are eligible to receive an Award Coin if they give a talk or show slides concerning elongated coins to coin clubs, school groups or other educational groups. You are also eligible if you make an elongated exhibit and win a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place award. Also writing a published article concerning elongated coins will make you eligible for an Award Coin.

By writing an article for TEC News in the coming year, you will be eligible for an Award Coin. If your article is a 150 words or more you will also receive the special serial numbered 1972 elongated coin from President Lloyd Wagaman.



JUST TO BUSY TO LOOK UP

by Sally Kirka TEC #16

We were a busy couple from the day after we got home from Washington, D.C., August 16th. Al and I were going to do or die, as the saying goes, to get the TEC News out. We got the TEC News out a day earlier than I promised. We worked continually until we finished the TEC News.

Just to let you know how busy we were. One afternoon our paper boy came to collect his money. I was busy at my desk and didn't have the time to look up. Our paper boy started to say he was collecting his money. All I heard him say was "collecting" and kept on writing. So I called out and said I was not interested. The paper boy started to say again "I'm collecting." I didn't let him finish and called out again, "I don't care what you're collecting, just go away." The paper boy stood a minute, shook his head and walked away.

Later I told Al some one was at the door collecting for something, but I didn't know what he was collecting for.

Three weeks went by and I said to Al, "Where's our paper boy, he has'nt collected for a month." Then it dawned on us. Al said, "I'm afraid you've done it again, I bet he was the one who was collecting." We were watching for the paper boy to go by the next day. Al called him over and asked, "How come you have'nt collected for a month?" The little paper boy looked up and said, "Some nutty lady told me to go away and she was'nt interested in what I was collecting. I was afraid to come back again."

Sorry Son, I was just to busy to look up.

----- IMPORTANT NOTICE -----

There are many members that do not owe dues for 1972. Because of the lack of a newsletter the 1971 dues were suspended. Therefore all members who did pay dues for 1971 will be extended as paid up, in good standing for 1972. All members that will owe dues for 1972 will be sent a dues reminder envelope around the first of the year. This envelope will be pre-addressed to the Secretary, and it will only be necessary to insert your check and seal it and put a stamp on it. It is believed this pre-addressed envelope, as a reminder, will be a factor in reducing the amount of members that became delinquent in dues each year. If you do not receive a reminder it will mean you do not owe any dues.

If you do not receive your membership card and coin as soon as you think you should, don't become alarmed, as they will be both mailed together in order to save both time and postage. They will be mailed as soon as 1972 cents are available for the rolling of the membership coins.

Please send your dues in as soon as possible after receiving your reminder. The by-laws call for any member not paying dues by March 31st, be dropped from the membership rolls. Don't become delinquent. It is an inconvenience for both, the Secretary and yourself.

NEW BY-LAWS EFFECTIVE

The new by-laws which were sent to each member along with the last issue of TEC News are now in effect. The ballots for acceptance or rejection were returned to the Secretary with almost unanimous voting that they be accepted. So be it.

NEW ISSUES

by

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| 1. Kansas Statehood - - - - - | 50¢ | Lloyd E. Wagaman |
| 2. Iowa Statehood - - - - - | 50¢ | Route 1, Box 195D |
| 3. Screen Print Store Card - - - - - | 50¢ | Camby, Indiana 46113 |
| 4. Ed Holmes Store Card - - - - - | 50¢ | |
| 5. Master Mason (silver quarters only) | \$1.25 | |

OUR SYMPATHY TO --

T.E.C. member #508, Miss Muriel Coopersmith of Santa Monica, Calif. who according to "THE MEDALLION" was robbed of her collection of tokens and medals. "THE MEDALLION" is the official bulletin of the "The California Exonumist Society." To be robbed of anything of value is certainly disheartening, but to have someone take away collecting treasures which in many cases have taken many years to assemble and items which would be almost impossible to replace would produce a feeling which I believe could only be described by a person who had been placed in this position.

Even in this sad situation there was a bright side to the story. The thieves took all of Miss Coopersmiths collection except her elongated coins.

NOTICE -- Deadline for articles for next issue -- February 14th

TIMES AND EVENTS ROLLED ON CENTS

by Roger Munie TEC #488

Times and events are in my eyes, that's what elongated cents are all about. When I first started collecting elongated cents, I tried to get all the new ones and old ones out. I thought it wouldn't be hard to find them all, in a short time. Some of the newer ones sold for 25¢, 50¢ or 75¢. The older ones, made before 1940 were selling from \$2.50 to \$8.50. Before long I bought about 125 pieces, which were mostly 50¢ a piece. Then I decided I was doing something wrong.

I saw one of those St. Louis World's Fair 1904 elongated cents for \$4.00 and I bought it. I think what I was doing wrong, was trying to get every elongate out. There is no reason why I should buy the elongates I really don't care for. I think a collector should make up his mind, as to which elongates he prefers, and then go after them. For instance, set a goal, pick a type or variety you like and have fun, trying to find them. Out of all the elongated cents I ever saw, I think St. Louis World's Fair, 1904, are what I am looking for in an elongated cent. I think the detail and the detail is very nice on those pieces.

I have been collecting St. Louis World's Fair, 1904 and I found 23 out of 25 elongates listed in Dottie Dows book. I only need two more now. One is the S.L.W.F. 16, "The Pike Souvenir." The other one is S.L.W.F. 23, "Louisiana Purchase Monument," with Hall's 151 Wabash Ave., Chicago, on the back. I will pay \$100.00 for S.L.W.F. #16 and \$50.00 for S.L.W.F. #23. Most of the S.L.W.F. have detail borders except two of them, which are very rare. I'm happy to say I have both of them. One is S.L.W.F. #15 with a rope border and the other one is S.L.W.F. #20, U.S. Government Building with a rope border.

I also collect encased tokens and medals on the St. Louis Worlds Fair 1904 and find them very interesting.

The above ideas are my own, on collecting elongated cents. I hope you can get an idea of what I thought some one, just starting out, might go through.

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS ???

Due to the expense of first class postage, beginning with this issue, TEC News will be mailed to you with third class postage. This means any undelivered copies of TEC News will not be returned to us. The only way we will know if you have changed your address is if you notify us of that fact. Write to Secretary Mrs. Alberta Wagaman, Route 1 - Box 195-D, Camby, Indiana 46113

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DESTROY DIES??? NO

by C. Meccarello TEC #40

Now this subject has really got me going. In a TEC Newsletter, I read quite a few comments, why different rollers keep their dies. One of the comments almost fits my way of saving old dies. Now I said almost.

For any of the newer members of elongated collectors and some of the older ones. If you don't know I'll tell you, that I have a museum for Elongated Coins and any material pertaining to this.

I also have quite a few dies on display. Now what should I do, just burn these with a torch and destroy them? I think there is a better way. Mine are imbedded in lucite blocks and in plastic. They make quite a display.

Wait now, remember I said, I don't believe in destroying the dies, that still goes. I do believe in defacing them. If they were ever sold or got out of my hands at a latter date. They would be recognized as defaced dies and in no way can these ever be made, to elongate a coin. as an original.

At this time I put about six XXXXX marks across each die and inbed it in lucite. I know other rollers deface their dies and roll a few pieces, to show proof of a destroyed die. Then they murder the rest of the die, so its not recognized as a die, and then dispose of it.

I believe as in other facets of the coin or medal hobby. The more one knows how elongates are made, the better understanding of the hobby he has, the better collector he will be.

Do you as collectors and as rollers know, how many different types of dies are used to make some of the elongates you collect? In my museum I have over seven different ways dies are made.

Do you know they come in different shapes and sizes? They are also made of different type steels. How would I know about them, if all the dies were destroyed? Some are hollow metal rings, Some are segements, some half round segements and some are solid rolls and other shapes.

So you see, I think there is a better way. How about engraving "COPY" across the die? Then the die can still be studied and looked at, with the original engraving.

As it was said in other articles, ask your dealer roller if the die has been defaced. Heres where we should have proof of it.

Maybe the club could have a committee on the authentication of a defaced die. This could be done by the roller, sending one of the defaced Elongates for the committee to inspect and authenticate it. It also could be published in the TEC News. A record could be kept of the date this was done. The die, then should be returned to the roller. As some of the rollers only rolled a few of these pieces as proof of the destroyed die and not as another variety, which its not.

Any comments for or against these articles, please answer through T.E.C. only, "The Voice of the Elongates."

Copied from the CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS OF ELONGATES

It is a good feeling to again receive a copy of "TEC NEWS", publication of "THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS", the national group founded in 1965. Sally Kirka, and her husband, Al, done a terrific job on their first issue and deserve a "Well Done" from all elongated collectors. We're sure to hear more about "TEC" as their new president Lloyd E. Wagaman is a driving force and a most dedicated collector--producer of elongated coins.

UNLISTED DIRECTORY: Part 1

The greatest boost to the hobby of collecting old elongated coins came in 1965 when Dottie Dow published her book, The Elongated Collector. She had the help of eighty-six other collectors in photographing and coding all of the known varieties of elongateds. Although more than 800 different ones were pictured in the book, we know that there were many which were not known at the time and which were not included.

I thought that it might be of interest to members of our TEC organization, if information could be issued in our news letter on the unlisted pieces which the members might have. In each issue of the news letter I will try to give information on unlisted pieces which I know about. I will need help from other members in doing this.

Unlisted pieces from the ILL-CPIE:

- 1b. Official Emblem, streamers to top. All wording horizontal, with curves. Slight change in placement of "Century" so that vertical line of "T" points to the right edge of the top horizontal line of "F" in "OF". Different number of rays in streamers.
- 10a. A different variety of "#10". To Roosevelt's right, Staff of flag separates "1" and "9" with "1" below and "9" above. To Roosevelt's left, staff of flag separates numbers with one "3" above and the other "3" below. Stars are at the edge just inside rope border, with seven of them on right side and seven on the left.
- 14a. Variety of "14". Detail of fair grounds back of flags on each side of avenue has been changed. Blimp is on the left side and skyride is on the right. Date of "1933" has been added on bottom line after /AVENUE OF FLAGS/.
- 17a. Variety of "#17". Design appears to be the same, but date has been changed to "1934". Dotted border has been changed to rope border.
- 24a. Similar to "#24". There is a pebbled background between top of building and top border. The breakwater line passes across top of "R" in "World's". Water lines in the lagoon are more pronounced.
- 32a. /AMERICAN INDIAN VILLAGES/. Same as "32" with date re-engraved to read "1934".
- 38a. LBRBOTAE, Lord's Prayer with the reverse reading same as "#38".
- 39a. Same as "39", but with date re-engraved to read "1934".
- 41a. /TRAVEL & TRANSPORT BUILDING/ building. Same as "#41", but with date re-engraved to "1934".
- 43a. /TRAVEL & TRANS. BLD'G/. Design similar to "#43". There is a different alignment of letters with the top of the building. Bottom loop of "3's" in "33" at right are more curved and point upwards.
- 46a. /TRAVEL BLDG/. Similar to "46". Pebbled ends have been smoothed out. "D" of "Bldg" larger and does not touch the building. Grab marks inside of dotted border.
- 47a. /CHICAGO WORLDS FAIR/. Building. To the left of the building, /19/. To right, /33/. Below, /Travel and Transport Building/. Numbers and letters much smaller than "47". Rope border.
- 61a. /WORLDS FAIR CHICAGO/. Similar to "61", except lettering, dates and building are smaller.
- 72d. Similar to "72a", except word "Fair" is above "World's" at top of coin.

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UNLISTED DIRECTORY: Part 1 (cont.)

- 85a. /THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING/. Similar to "#85", except die has been changed so that design between building and wording, both above and below has been removed.
- 101b. Similar to "#101", Lettering at top smaller. Left arm of "A" extended and curved. Left support of Skyride under "C" and "E" of "Century". Stem of "P" in "Progress" extends downward below line of other letters.
- 102c. Similar to "#102". Top of tower to left under "N" of "Century". Right tower under "E" and "S" of "Progress".
107. Above view of Skyride, /A CENTURY OF/PROGRESS/ SKYRIDE/. Below are Skyride buildings, to left small /19/, to right /33/. Dotted border
108. /FAN DANCER/. Below nude dancing with right arm over head holding fan and left arm down with fan over lower part of body. Design on coin rolled vertically. Below, /WORLDS 1933 FAIR/. Rope border
109. /WORLD'S FAIR/ CHICAGO/. View of many small buildings below. /THE MIDGIT CITY/ 1934. Rope border.
110. /ISLAND MIDWAY/ Lady in race car, facing left, with lion in back-ground. /WORLD'S FAIR CHICAGO 1934/. Rope border. (this design was made from a picture in the book, "Official Pictures of A Century of Progress Exposition", which is titled, "The Lion Motordrome -- On the Midway".)

This completes the listing of CPIC's known to me at this time. If you have others please contact me so your coins can be listed in future issues. Next issue of TEC News will include the unlisted pieces of other fairs and expositions.

Special thanks goes to Milton Heitman in giving me an assist in preparing the above listing.

by Bob Callander, P.O. Box 71, Nappanee, Indiana 46550

MYSTERY ELONGATED OR EIGHT COMMANDMENTS

The elongated being reported here reads; Thou Shalt Have No Other God, Thou Shalt Not Have Any Graven Image, Thou Shalt Not Take The Name Of The Lord In Vain, Remember The Sabbath Day, Honor Thy Father And Thy Mother, Thou Shalt Not Kill, Thou Shalt Not Steal, Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness, Thou Shalt Not Covet Thy Neighbors Goods.

It shows some signs of corrosion with a small piece missing from the top edge. Apparently it was buried and brought to light by a metal detector.

This intriguing elongated was found by my wife Peg while on one of our Sunday "token hunts" at the Golden Nugget Flea Market in Lambertville, N.J. The dealer we know uses a Detector around Philadelphia, his secret area undisclosed.

Naturally Peg would come up with an elongated for my collection, however this day I came back with a nice New Jersey token for her collection.

Peg and I take opposite sides of the Market so we can cover it faster and perhaps have time to take in another market across the Delaware river on the Pennsy. side. This is our usual hunt each sunny Sunday.

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MYSTERY ELONGATED OR EIGHT COMMANDMENTS (cont.)

Peg's remark regarding the elongated was "What has happened to, Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultry and Thou Shalt Not Covet Thy Neighbors Wife? No wonder this one was buried."

My comment in reply "Peg it was rolled by a Dirty Old Man." Smile. Needless to say I'M DELIGHTED to be able to report a NEW FIND.

by Jack Wilcox TEC #332

SALLY, TAKE A BOW

I know Sally Kirka would be much too modest to reprint the following item which appeared on the front page of the ANA "CLUB BULLETIN," unless there was someone insisting she do so. Therefore I am insisting it be reprinted in THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS NEWS. The item and its description of Sallys many numismatic contributions speaks for itself. I would only like to add how pleased I am and how fortunate TEC is to have Sally not only as our Treasurer and Editor, but our ANA representative as well.

Lloyd E. Wagaman, Pres.

Meet Sally Kirka-1971 Outstanding Club Representative

At the August ANA 80th anniversary convention in Washington, D.C., the honor of Outstanding Club Representative for 1971 was conferred on Mrs. Alphonse (Sally) Kirka (ANA 66041), of Manchester, Connecticut.

Recognizing her enthusiastic support of numismatics, Sally was selected by a panel of association judges to be honored for her outstanding leadership and contributions to club, association, and community.

Sally is quite active in talking up the ANA. She has tried in the past to encourage the clubs she belongs to to participate in National Coin Week. She has slides of the 1970 ANA convention which she has shown at coin clubs.

Sally is president of the *Central Connecticut Coin Club* and has had some sort of educational program for just about every meeting — slides, quizzes, or talks. She has always found time to write for the ANA educational award certificates



Sally earns congratulations and ANA executive director Wilde earns a hug.

for the organization she is program chairwoman for and, in fact, has kept club program interest high with her frequent requests for such awards.

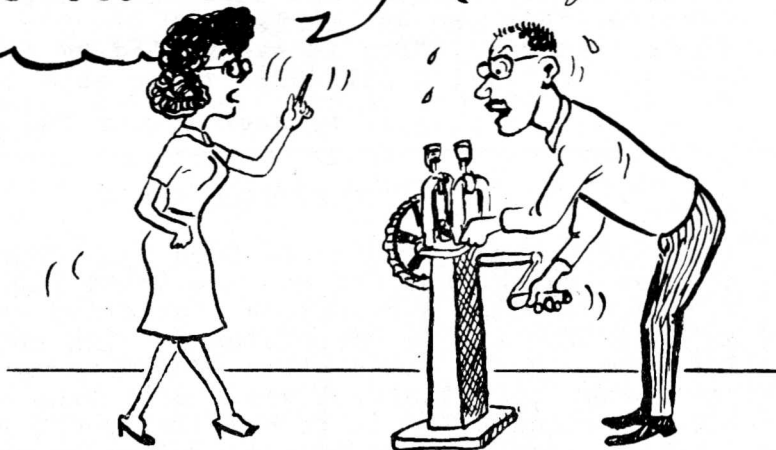
Sally always finds or makes time for numismatic club activities. Besides being president of the *Central Connecticut Coin Club* and ANA representative, she is bourse and publicity chairwoman for the *New England Numismatic Association* this year; program chairwoman and ANA representative for the *Hartford Numismatic Society*; publicity chairwoman and ANA representative for the *Western Rhode Island Stamp and Coin Club*, Foster, R. I.; and member *Tri State Coin Club*, Danielson, Conn. In addition, Sally belongs to *TAMS*, *Wooden Nickel Society*, *Elongated Money Society*, to name a few. She is also an honorary member of the *Southern New England Coin Dealers Association*; this honor was given her for promoting exhibits for this organization.

These activities speak for themselves. Take a bow, Sally, for an *Outstanding* job as ANA club Representative! Your award was well deserved.

LLOYD & ALBERTA

By SHEP

HEY LLOYD! THAT WAS MY 50-D NICKLE
YOU JUST ROLLED!



NEW ELONGATED COLLECTOR

by Burton Neal Levy TEC #499

I had collected U.S. coins for many years on a moderate basis. Yet, for some strange reason I didn't know what an elongated coin was. That is, until I read a Coin World article in the early months of 1971.

Interesting it was and I was quite eager to expand my numismatic knowledge. But, unfortunately very little information was available at that time.

Slowly but surely I found bits of information and I even began to purchase a few modern issues. Then I met two wonderful people who took their valuable time to teach me as much as they could about elongated coins.

Rudy Skaritka and Betty Kirby (Cee Ceven, Chicago, Ill.) thank you. Thank you for truly exposing me to a world of elongated coins which I was totally unaware of. Without their time and understanding I probably would not have continued to collect elongateds.

EDITORS NOTE

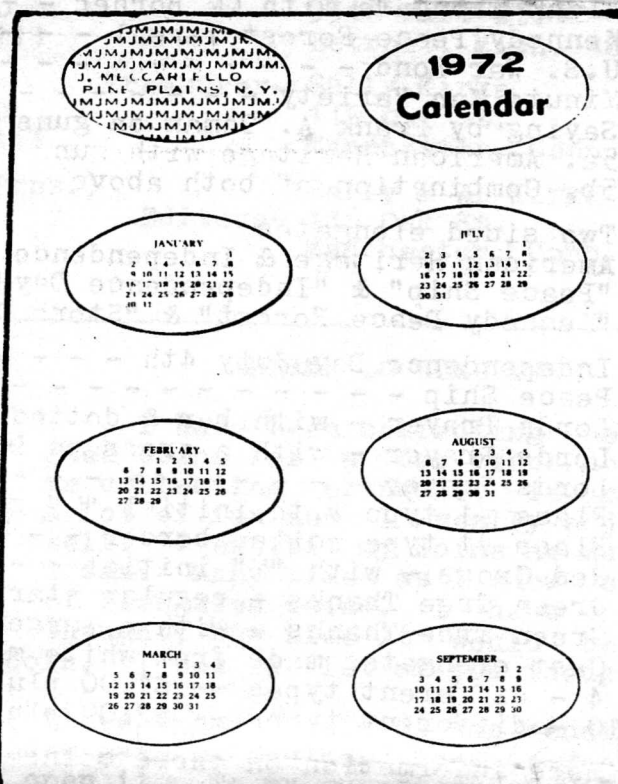
When sending in your ads or unlisted elongates to me, please type them if you can. It is very hard sometimes to understand some ones hand writing. I can only do my best on hand writing I can't read. Also when sending in your unlisted list of elongates, please give only the name of the coin and one price. On a paid ad you can write what you want. For more information, members can write to the roller.

----- NOTICE -----

SECTION 331, TITLE 18, U.S. CODE:

Prohibits among other things the fraudulent alteration and alteration and mutilation of United States and foreign coins. This statute does not prohibit the mutilation of coins if done without fraudulent intent or if the mutilated coins are not used fraudulently.

Starting with Jan. 1972 I will make a elongated coin every month and it will be a 1972 calendar, one month on each elongated cent. There will be fourteen elongated coins altogether. The first one will have JM all over it. The second one will have 1972 CALENDAR on it and the other 12 will have the 12 different months on them. These are only going to be on special order. In other words I am forming a elongated coin a month club for the calendar only. For \$10.00 advance payment, I will mail postage free to you the JM elongated coin and the elongated coin with Calendar 1972 on it. Then every month I will send you the elongated coin for that month. If you do not want to spend the ten dollars at one time I will accept payments of one dollar a month (\$12.00) for 12 months and you will receive the two extra elongated coins at the end of the year, or send your order in and make your own terms. I don't want anyone to miss out on the 1972 calendar, because they will only go to the members of the 1972 calendar a month club and no extra ones will be made. One more thing, since this will be in the next T.E.C. Newsletter I will accept orders for 30 days after the T.E.C. Newsletter is out. Then no more orders will be accepted because I will only roll enough for members every month and I will not have any of the month before, so the first month will be late because I will not go into production until 30 days after the T.E.C. News is out. Any questions?



CONVENTION BADGES

*2.30 EACH

Convention Badges from all the past T E C Conventions are still available from the Secretary for \$2.30 postpaid and insured. If you do not have them all it would be a good idea to order while they are still available. At the present time there are only nine more left from the Miami Beach Convention of 1967. Once the supply is exhausted the only way to get one will be from another collector that purchased more than one or from a collector that has given up the collecting of elongateds. In other words it will be mighty hard to find one for sale once these nine pieces are gone. Better not delay.

Send orders to the Secretary: Mrs Alberta Wagaman, Route 1 Box 195-D, Camby, Indiana 46113

NEW ISSUES

by C. Meccarello, 228 Vassar Rd., Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603

1. Blank Elongate with MM Border - - - - - \$1.00
2. Kennedy Peace Forest Isreal - - - - - .75
3. U.S. War Bond - - - - - .75
4. Minute Man Variety - - - - - .75
5. Saying by Frank A. Toman on guns
 - 5a. American Heritage with gun
 - 5b. Combination of both above 3/2.00
- Two sided elongates
6. American Heritage & Independence Day - July 4th - - - - - .75
7. "Peace Ship" & "Independence Day" - - - - - 1.00
8. "Kennedy Peace Forest" & "Store Card" - - - - - .75
9. Independence Day July 4th - - - - - .50
10. Peace Ship - - - - - .50
11. Lords Prayer - with bar & dotted border - - - - - .75
12. Lords Prayer - with a cross on Dove - - - - - .75
13. Lords Prayer - - - - - .50
14. Flass #1 type with initial "M" ground off - - - - - 1.00
15. Flass #1 type rolled border - - - - - .50
16. Red Cross - with "M" initial - - - - - .50
17. Green Tree Thanks - regular starter groove - - - - - 1.00
18. Green Tree Thanks - with a larger starter groove - - - - - .50
19. Cast elongates made from white metal
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For more information on these coins please write to Mr. Meccarello

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NEW MEMBERS

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504 Jack Stuckart, P.O. Box 530, Pittston, Pa. 18640
505 Maurice P. Wynne, P.O. Box 83, Acushnet, Mass. 02743
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515 Chester M. Rogers, P.O. Box 300, Beverly, Mass. 01915
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520 Eric H. Goodwin, 1112 South Figueroa St., Santa Ana, Calif. 92704
521 Russel Blank, Box 151, Rockland, Mass. 02370

NOTICE

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Angelo Rosato TEC #23 of New Milford, Connecticut on the recent death of his mother. It would be nice if TEC members would send him a sympathy card. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from his friends.

Our prayers are with our new member Jack Stuckart TEC #504. We hope you will be feeling better soon.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ATTENTION

Due to the high cost of printing the TEC Newsletter, a TEC News advertising price schedule will be put into effect with the next issue of the TEC Newsletter. The rates will be \$2.50 per $\frac{1}{4}$ page, \$4.00 per $\frac{1}{2}$ page, \$7.50 per full page and \$10.00 per pre-printed sheet to be inserted in TEC News.

CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS OF ELONGATED COINS

I received my first news letter from the California Collectors of Elongates which I joined recently. I must say I enjoyed the News letter very much. I had to read it over a few times so I wouldn't miss a thing. I'm sorry I didn't join sooner.

I also like the membership elongated coin I received with my number on it. It is really a nice coin and you can bet I will not part with it.

In case any one still would like to join and missed their address in the last issue of T.E.C., the address is, Mrs. Carolyn Martin, P.O. Box 5234, Santa Ana, California 92704

NOTICE---Deadline for articles for next issue - - February 14th

WELCOME MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS

A new Elongated Coin Club has been started in Chicago. The name of the club is the Midwest Elongated Collectors. Any one wishing to join may do so by writing to Midwest Elongated Collectors, c/o Burton Neal Levy, P.O. Box 3082, Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654. All those wishing to be Charter Members should join before December 31, 1971. Good luck with your new club.

ATTENTION ELONGATED COLLECTORS

We your Awards Committee, are determined to make this one of the finest awards to date. The time spent in preparing an article or text of 150 words or more will be of no consequence, when viewing or showing your award in future years. Lets all get together and push our organization by exhibiting our elongates, (please get verification), or by giving talks to clubs and groups in our areas. Verification needed for this, also. Personally, its not the Merit Award I'm worried about, but there is a slight increase in my waist line from lack of work, so please pour those applications in to me.

Award Committee Chairman - O. Wilson Morgan #183

Highest Price Yet --- I recently saw a \$700.00 elongated coin at a Coin Show. The dealer told me there were only five of these around. I forgot the name of the coin but it was an old one. The dealer told me Dottie Dow has already seen this elongate, so maybe she can tell us more about it. Does any one else know about this coin? I'm sure we would all like to hear about it.

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